

# CARSON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



# “Service with Pride, Commitment, and Compassion”

## PERSONNEL

Sworn 71  
Civilian 33

## UNITS

Engines 3  
Rescue Ambulances 4  
Brush Engines 3  
Haz Mat Unit 1  
Heavy Rescue Unit 1  
Water Tender 1  
Truck 1

## INCIDENTS

Fire 1,141  
EMS 9,754  
Vehicle Accidents 320  
Rescues 7  
Haz Mat 92  
Wildland/Brush Fires 27  
Total 11,341



## WHO WE SERVE

Population 55,274  
Land Area 144.66 sq miles

Persons under 18 yrs 20.3%  
Persons between 18 yrs—65 yrs 59.4%  
Persons 65 yrs+ 20.3%

Dear Carson City Firefighters,

*My wife and I have been sheltering in place for the past two weeks doing our best to stay informed of what is taking place around the world and across the nation as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. We know our first responders are essential to the safety of our community and that you face many risks while protecting us. Now, with the spread of the virus you have an additional risk of exposure.*

*As the days and weeks progress, things will likely get worse before they get better, particularly in areas like Carson City that have yet to experience a critical outbreak. We know that you will likely sacrifice time away from family and loved ones to help manage the crisis. You are truly heroes and we are so grateful for your devoted service. Please stay strong and safe and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers each and every day.*

Stay well,  
Jeff & Sue Maples

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# ← CHIEF'S MESSAGE →

It is my pleasure to present the 2020 Annual Report for your Carson City Fire Department (CCFD). Our annual report is intended to capture our significant events and accomplishments that occurred during the calendar year 2020.

This past year presented significant challenges for our Department as we were at the tip of the spear for the COVID-19 Pandemic response. The Pandemic impacted our personnel and how we responded to emergencies, but without hesitation, our firefighters and emergency medical personnel rushed out the doors for every emergency. With COVID-19, we increased our personal protective equipment, adapted our treatment procedures, and worked extra shifts to cover for our fellow firefighters who were impacted by the Pandemic. I am immensely proud of and grateful for our personnel and how they overcame adversity this past year.

Calendar year 2020 was another very busy year for CCFD as we responded to 11,341 incidents out of three fire stations. In order to respond to these emergencies, our firefighters and emergency medical personnel must be equipped, trained, and prepared to manage and mitigate any emergency situation. To meet this lofty expectation, our firefighters train a minimum of two hours every single shift. That equates to over 240 hours of training per person, per year. Speaking of training, we were also the host agency for two Capital City Regional Fire Academies. These academies provide entry level training for newly hired firefighters throughout the Northern Nevada region.

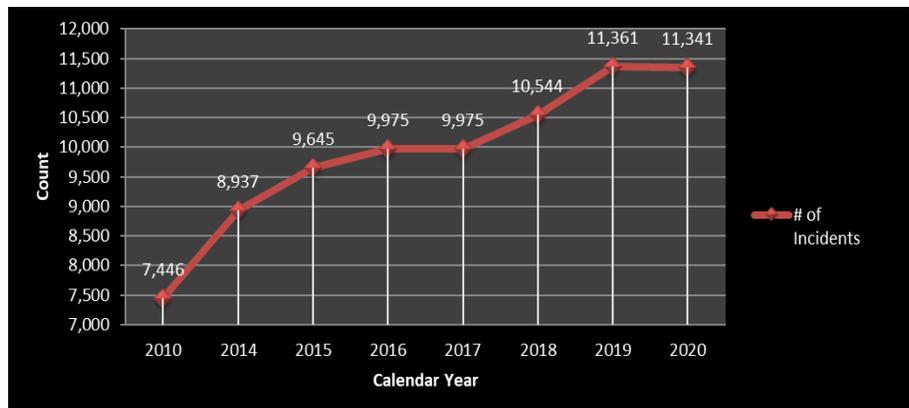
This last year we had several other accomplishments; two of the more significant achievements include placing our new ladder truck into service and receiving a federal grant that provided funding for nine additional firefighters. The ladder truck increases our capabilities on the emergency scene in several ways, with the most important being the aerial ladder which provides access to multi-story buildings. In September we were awarded a SAFER Grant from FEMA that provides federal funding for nine additional firefighters for three years. This is a highly competitive grant that will enhance our daily staffing and response capabilities.

From the challenges of the Pandemic to the accomplishments in increasing our response capabilities, calendar year 2020 was certainly a year to remember.

*"If you'll not settle for anything less than your best, you will be amazed at what you can accomplish in your lives" -Vince Lombardi*

**Sean Slamon, Fire Chief**

## BY THE NUMBERS





# OPERATIONS DIVISION

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Calendar year 2020 was a year that could be described as the year of challenges and resiliency.

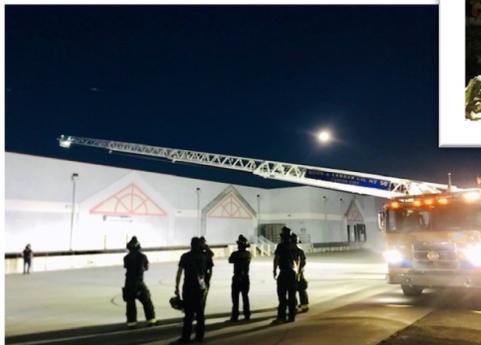
Early in the year COVID-19 presented a tremendous challenge for our firefighters as they had to adapt treatment protocols and to wearing of specialized personal protective equipment to treat those infected with the virus. Our Fire and EMS personnel rose to meet these challenges and continued to provide the outstanding service and treatment our Carson City residents and visitors have come to expect.

Wildland fire incidents continued in 2020 as it left off in 2019, the season is now longer and more intense than in previous decades. Your Carson City firefighters responded with engines and personnel to several major fires both locally and regionally this year.

Truck 50 was placed into service, significantly improving the response capabilities of the Carson City Fire Department (CCFD). The new ladder truck provides increased operational capabilities for the firefighters to mitigate incidents in Carson City and our neighboring communities.

In the Fall we were awarded a FEMA SAFER Grant that funded the hiring of nine additional firefighters. The SAFER grant is a highly competitive grant and will improve our service levels to the community over the term of the three-year grant.

The Training Division is the lead agency for the Capital City Regional Fire Academy (CCRFA). This year we hosted two recruit academies that included firefighters from five different agencies. This regional collaboration is just another great example of your Northern Nevada fire departments working together to improve our operational effectiveness.



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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Emergency Medical Services (EMS) remains committed to delivering exceptional service to Carson City residents and visitors. The volume of calls remained steady from 2019, but with COVID-19 many changes had to be instituted. Information was changing frequently, often daily with the best care of patients and personal protective equipment for our crews. We had to work diligently to acquire equipment and supplies, often with stocks running low or not available. Respiratory care and equipment became a priority to reduce exposure of the virus to the crews, who did an amazing job of adjusting to changes in care and equipment required to care for our community. Please take time to thank these men and women. They might be recognized by their face markings from wearing N95 masks on all calls and transports.

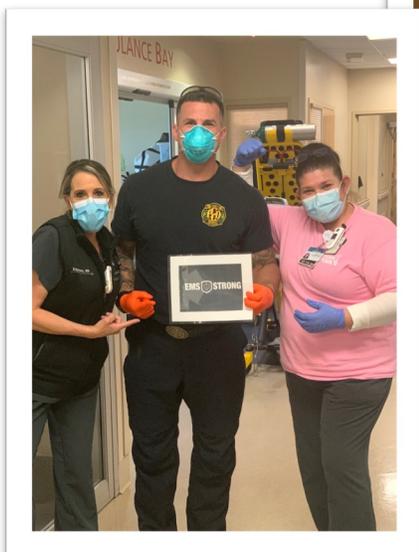


Carson City Fire Department's EMS Division continues to have three levels of service. Advanced Life Support is run 24hrs a day, 365 days a year, and the Basic Life Support ambulance and our Med Trans vans (a partnership with Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center) run seven days a week, 365 days.

EMS training and education remains a high priority at Carson City Fire Department (CCFD). This year crews trained in pediatric respiratory emergencies, behavioral health and suicide risk assessment, infectious diseases, trauma and trauma assessments, toxicology emergencies, elderly trauma, swift water rescue with drowning victims, burn patient rescue, and transport and documentation. Additionally, certifications in advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, international trauma life support, and basic life support were obtained. Medical protocols were updated, with training and education given on our improved protocols.

Lastly, we welcomed several new firefighters/EMS providers to the CCFD family. They completed a comprehensive EMS orientation and preceptorship before being signed-off to work independently on our ambulances.

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# FIRE PREVENTION

The COVID-19 Pandemic created new challenges for the Fire Prevention Division. We adapted our normal operations to include the wearing of masks and social distancing while interacting with the public. New construction permits continued to boom during the Pandemic and was a bright spot for our economy.

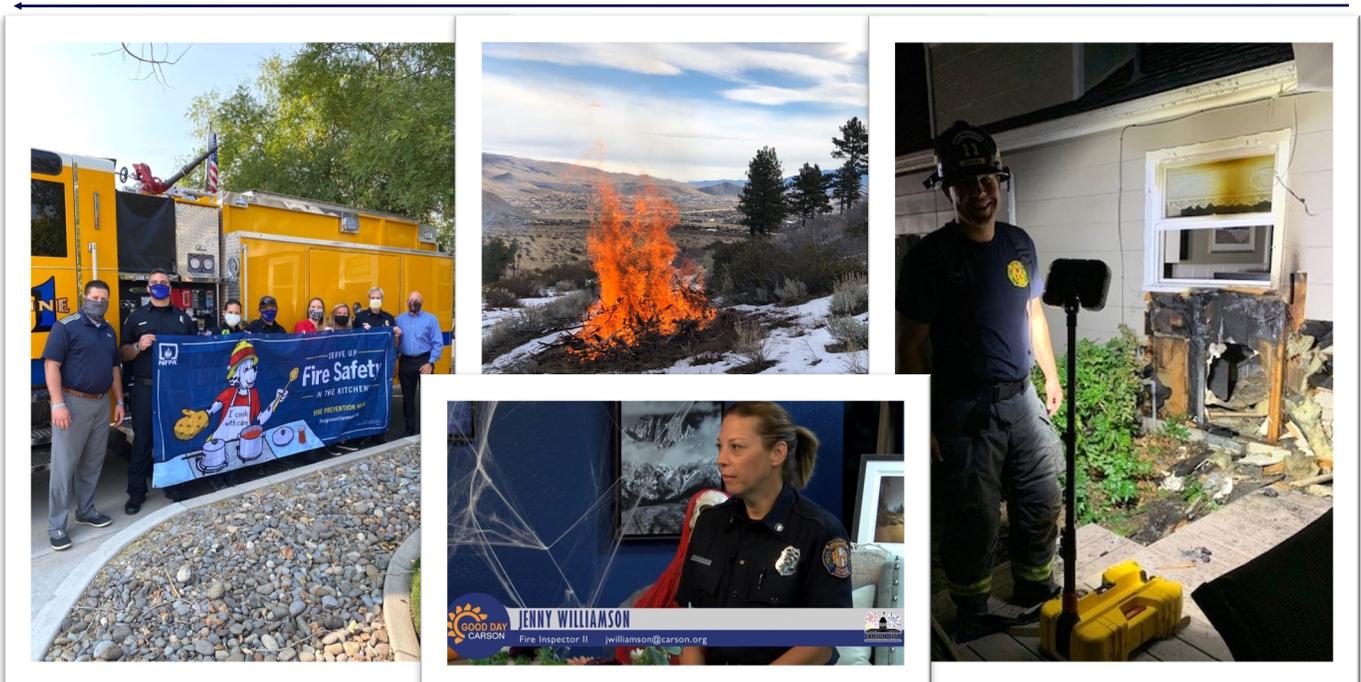


Training this year focused on virtual training on hazardous materials, wildland fire, and construction related information. We also held mock courtroom trial training at the Carson City Courthouse. In that training, fire investigators were required to testify on cases they had investigated. This gave them realistic training to prepare for expert witness testimony.

On the Public Education front, we began a partnership with the Good Morning Carson City television show. Our Fire Prevention staff presented information on fire safety and education related topics each month during the morning television show. This, and other web-based events, are examples of how we were able to continue getting out a public education message even though we couldn't hold in person events.

Our Wildland Fuels Management Program had the most successful year so far. Fuel reduction project work was conducted along the mountains west of the City and concentrated in the Voltaire Canyon area with 63 acres thinned by the crews, as well as 43 acres of pile burning. Additionally, 133 acres were treated with mechanical mastication. Our "You Call, We Haul" trailer/dumpster program saw continued increased demand with 584 deliveries, removing 397 tons of hazardous fuels from the community. This was an increase of 18% of fuels removed from 2019.

The Wildland Fuels Management Program successfully received a fuel reduction grant from the Nevada Division of Forestry. The grant provided funding for five full-time Wildland Fire Crew members, as well as mastication equipment. The crew members started in late 2020 and have already been in the field getting fuel reduction work done.



# The Year In Photos



# EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

## Calendar Year 2020



**Station 51** - 777 S. Stewart St.

Incidents.....	5,305
Unit Responses: Engine 51.....	2,664
Rescue 51.....	5,695
Rescue 151.....	2,858
Rescue 54.....	1,977

**Station 52** - 2400 College Pkwy

Incidents.....	5,318
Unit Responses: Engine 52.....	2,771
Rescue 52.....	3,195
Truck 50.....	2,858



**Station 53** - 4649 Snyder Ave

Incidents.....	718
Unit Responses: Engine 53.....	1,216
Rescue 53.....	79



**Total Incidents: 11,341**  
**Total Unit Responses: 23,313**

